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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENT PASSES NEW DRUG LAW

REF: KINGSTON 1301

1. AFTER POSTPOINING CONSIDERATION OF A HARSH NEW DRUG LAW FROM APRIL 9, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON APRIL 11 PASSED THE DANGEROUS DRUG (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1974. THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE THE SAME DAY AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL ON APRIL 12.

2. FOLLOWING ARE THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE DRUG BILL:

(A) THE WORD "DISTILLATE" IN THE ACT IS DELETED FROM THE DEFINITION OF "GANJA", THEREBY REMOVING A LEGAL TECHNICALITY WHICH HAS PROVIDED A DEFENSE FOR GANJA POSSESSION;

(B) THE WORD "CONVEYENCE" IN THE ACT IS SUBSTITUTED FOR "VEHICLE", WHICH REMOVES THE TECHNICAL PROBLEM

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OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION;

(C) THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THE ILLEGAL IMPORT, EXPORT, MANUFACTURE, OR TRAFFICING IN DERIVATIVES OF OPIUM OR COCAINE HAS BEEN SET AT LIFE IMPRISONMENT, TEN YEARS IN THE CASE OF ILLEGAL POSSESSION;

(D) THE MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT BEFORE A CIRCUIT COURT FOR CULTIVATING, SELLING, OR OTHERWISE DEALING WITH GANJA IS NOW SET AT TEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT, A FINE, OR BOTH;

(E) GANJA AS A FIRST OFFENSE CAN RESULT (RESIDENT MAGISTRATE) IN THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT OR A FINE OF \$10,000, OR BOTH ON ANY SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION FIVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT OR A FINE OF \$20,000 OR BOTH;

(F) THE MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT ON SUMMARY CONVICTION FOR IMPORT OR EXPORT OF GANJA, COCA LEAVES OR RAW OR PREPARED OPIUM WILL BE THE SAME AS IN THE PRECEEDING PARAGRAPH

(G) MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT FOR EVERY OTHER OFFENCE AGAINST THE LAW, ON SUMMARY CONVICTION, 12 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT, A FINE OF \$1,000 OR BOTH IN CASE OF FIRST OFFENSE; TWO YEARS, \$5,000 OR BOTH FOR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES.

3. COPY OF LAW BEING POUCHED TO ARA/CAR. HEWITT

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